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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: ARMENIA TO CONDEMN THE
AL-ASKARIYA SHRINE BOMBING

REF: A) STATE 28802 B) BAGHDAD 563

Classified By: Pol/Econ Chief C. Doell for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

(C) On February 23, we delivered ref A message regarding the Al-Askariya shrine bombing along with our request for the GOAM to issue a statement condemning the bombing to MFA Middle East Department Head Artem Aznaurian and MFA Arab Desk Acting Director Mher Mkrtumyan. Mkrtumyan told us he would share the U.S. statements and our request with Deputy Minister Arman Kirakossian, who had been watching developments in Samarra closely.
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